

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The apparatus comprises a clamping device having a box-shaped casing and a clamping member for clamping work pieces, operatively connected to an electric actuator to move the clamping member between a first and a second operative position. The clamping apparatus is also provided with electric switching means which can be manually operated by a control member to reverse the polarities of the power voltage supply to the electric actuator, to selectively control the movement of the clamping member in respect to both operative positions; the control member may be in the form of a manually operable lever or control buttons.